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1. ANSWERS TO SIX QUESTIONS POSED PARA 1 REFTEL ARE:

A. METHADONE MAINTENANCE IS PERMITTED IN ALL AUSTRALIAN STATES. HEROIN MAINTENANCE IS NOT PERMITTED. THERE IS AN ABSOLUTE PROHIBITION ON ENTRY OF HEROIN INTO AUSTRALIA FOR ANY PURPOSE. STATE OF QUEENSLAND HAS 19 TH CENTURY LEGISLATION ALLOWING OPIUM ADDICTS TO BE MAINTAINED BY ORAL DOSAGE IN LIMITED CASES. THIS LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH CHINESE MINING POPULATION IN 19 TH CENTURY AND IS NOW ALMOST TOTALLY UNUSED.

B. YES. FORMAL CLINICS EXIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY. PRIMARY CONTACT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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VICTORIA IS DR. GERALD MILNER, INSPECTOR OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENT PERSON SERVICES, 300 QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA. OTHER CLINICS IN VICTORIA ARE AT FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- (1) PLEASANT VIEW ASSESSMENT CENTRE, WOOD STREET, PRESTON, VICTORIA 3072. DIRECTOR: DR. GRAHAM JENSEN.
 - (2) AUSTIN HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG, VICTORIA 3084.
- DIRECTOR: SUPERINTENDENT OF CLINICAL SERVICES (NAME UNKNOWN).

PRIMARY CONTACT IN NEW SOUTH WALES IS

DR. MAX FRAME, PRINCIPAL

ADVISER IN MENTAL HEALTH TO THE NEW SOUTH WALES HEALTH COMMISSION, 52 BRIDGE STREET, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000.

CLINICS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) BRISBANE STREET DRUG DEPENDENCY SERVICE, BRISBANE STREET, SYDNEY, N. S. W. 21*0. DIRECTOR: DR. GURTLE.
 - (2) CARITAF CENTRE, ST. VINCENT' S HOSPITAL, SYDNEY, N. S. W. DIRECTOR: DR. K. WILHELM.
 - (3) WYSTARIA HOUSE, PARRAMATTA PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE, PARRAMATTA, N. S. W. 2150. DIRECTOR: DR. STELLA DALTON.
 - (4) MARRICKVILLE HOSPITAL, MARRICKVILLE, N. S. W. 2204.
- DIRECTOR: DR. SUE BRITTON.

CONTACTS IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ARE:

DR. DON LAWRENCE AND DR. MAXINE TENNANT, A. C. T. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, MELBA BUILDING, ALINGA STREET, CANBERRA CITY, A. C. T. 2601.

FORMAL CLINICS APPARENTLY DO NOT OPERATE IN OTHER AUSTRALIAN JURISDICTIONS. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING CAN BE USED AS CONTACTS:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: DR. SALTER, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, ADELAIDE, S. A. 5000.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: DR. A. S. ELLIS, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL SERVICES, HAVELOCK STREET, PERTH, W. A. 6000.

QUEENSLAND: PROFESSOR WHITLOCK, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND 4000.

C. YES. THERE IS NO DISTINCTION MADE BY NATIONALITY IN ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE EXISTING PROGRAMS IN AUSTRALIA.

D. NO. THERE ARE NO LAWS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO METHADONE OR HEROIN MAINTENANCE. METHADONE MAY BE PRESCRIBED IN ANY AUSTRALIAN JURISDICTION BY ANY LICENSED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER. BY MOST STATE LAWS, THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON PRESCRIPTIONS OF ANY ADDICTIVE DRUG. SUCH LIMITATIONS APPLY TO METHADONE.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES, A DOCTOR MAY NOT PRESCRIBE A NARCOTIC DRUG TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR MORE THAN A TWO MONTH PERIOD WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMMISSION OF HEALTH. ONLY TEN PHYSICIANS IN NEW SOUTH WALES HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THESE ARE ALL IN EMPLOY OF STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES. IN VICTORIA, A DOCTOR MAY NOT PRESCRIBE NARCOTIC DRUGS TO " AN ADDICT" WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORITY FROM VICTORIA MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS OR LAWS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO METHADONE MAINTENANCE, CLINICS AND DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH IN THE VARIOUS STATES DO HAVE GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH METHADONE IS ADMINISTERED. THESE ARE INFORMAL AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE " REGULATION".

E. REGULATIONS UNDER COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA IMMIGRATION LAW PROVIDE FOR EXCLUSION AND ENTRY REFUSAL TO ANY UNDESIREABLE PERSON. KNOWN ADDICTS ARE NOT NORMALLY ADMITTED. UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH NARCOTIC DRUGS WILL BE ADMITTED FOR LIMITED PURPOSES. THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN ENTERTAINERS.

F. YES.

2. THIS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DRS. MILNER (MELBOURNE) AND FRAME (SYDNEY). EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS REPORT ON METHADONE WILL BE TABLED IN PARLIAMENT IN COMING WEEKS AND WILL POUCH COPY.
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